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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-333232, which was published on December 17, 1993, together with a full English Language translation thereof; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-174942, which was published on July 14, 1995, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,615,192 to KIKUKAWA et al., which issued on March 25, 1997.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the

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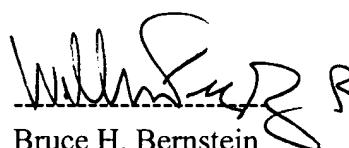
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attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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